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(Case No. 98,736-A)

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Roderick Hall, et al.

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For: A METHOD FOR ACCELERATING
THE RATE OF MUCOCILIARY
CLEARANCE

Examiner: TBA

Art Unit: 1652

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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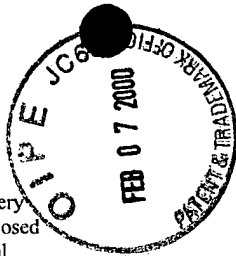
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Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, copies¹ of the documents listed thereon pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and §

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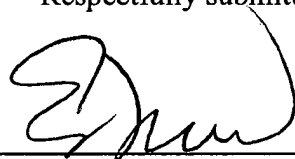
Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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